<u>Abstract</u>

A fiber optic connector for terminating an optical fiber is disclosed. The connector comprises a housing having opposed first and second ends, and the housing receives the optical fiber at its first end. An elongated member is retainable in the housing, and the elongated member includes a crimpable portion. An insert is disposable within the crimpable portion. The crimpable portion of the elongated member is disposed within the housing, and the crimpable portion includes opposed first and second ends and a point between the first and second ends. The crimpable portion is tapered from the point toward one of the first and second ends.